



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Bender

Worship Song

O Praise the Name (Anástasis)

Sampson, Hastings, Ussher

Verse 1

I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

Verse 2

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

Chorus

O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Verse 3

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King

Verse 4

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Refrain

What a beautiful Name it is, What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus Christ my King, What a beautiful Name it is

Nothing compares to this, What a beautiful Name it is

The Name of Jesus

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you are able.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. We pray for military personnel and chaplains serving near and far.

Giver of joy, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love and we sing...

(Refrain)

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way, especially those on our congregational prayer list and those we name aloud at this time...

(We now invite you to speak aloud the names of those for whom you are praying.)

Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and we sing our Amen.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**



This Week's Story: Jesus Ascends to Heaven

Icebreaker Question: What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

1 Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—

³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:

⁷ "See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."
This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"
⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall."
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that
you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Melody Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

arr. Hopson

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength; such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart; such a joy as none can move, such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.

Offertory Hymn

674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Statement of Belief

Apostles Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMUNION

Come to the Table— Everyone’s Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ’s love, shared through His body and blood. If you’re hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We’re so glad you’re here—let’s share this joyful moment together!

Words of Institution

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us:

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song Hunger for You

Cross & Crown Children

Verse 1

Lord, we are hungry.
 We don't understand what you're doing.
 You told us you'll be gone.
 What will we do without you?

Chorus 1

Why Lord why do you have to go?
 Where will you be when we need you?
 We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
 We hunger for you.....we hunger for you (x2)

Verse 2

Lord we are thirsty
 We need your living water
 We're done with wandering
 Show us the path to your well

Chorus 2

Why Lord why do you have to go?
 Where will you be when we need you
 We'll miss your hand on our shoulders.
 We're thirsty for you.....we're thirsty for you (x2)

Bridge

You are the wine, you are the bread
 Thirsty no more, we will be fed. (x2)

Chorus 3

We know why you have to go
 You're always there when we need you..
 Your hand will light our darkness.
 The world hungers for you.
 The world thirsts for you. (Bridge)

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit,
 our advocate and peace, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Rattle!

Brown, Furtick, Lake

Verse 1

Saturday was silent
Surely it was through
But since when has impossible
Ever stopped You

Verse 2

Friday's disappointment
Is Sunday's empty tomb
Since when has impossible
Ever stopped You

Chorus 1

This is the sound of dry bones rattling
This is the praise make a dead man walk again
Open the grave I'm coming out
I'm gonna live gonna live again
This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Verse 3

Pentecostal fire
Stirring something new
You're not gonna run out of miracles
Anytime soon

Verse 4

Resurrection power
Runs in my veins too
I believe there's another miracle
Here in this room

Bridge

My God is able to save and deliver and heal
And restore anything that He wants to
Just ask the man who was thrown

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Please read the sending with me.

L: Go in peace and share Cross and Crown's mission with the world.

C: **Following Jesus, loving and serving all!**

On the bones of Elisha

If there's anything that He can't do

Just ask the stone that was rolled

At the tomb in the garden

What happens when God says to move

I feel him moving it now

I feel him doing it now

I feel him doing it now

Do it now do it now

Chorus 2

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

This is the praise make a dead man walk again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

Open the grave I'm coming out

I'm gonna live gonna live again

This is the sound of dry bones rattling

Interlude 1

I hear the sound (I hear the sound)

Interlude 2

Live (Live) live (live)

Dry bones hear the word of the Lord

(REPEAT)

Live (Live) live (live)

Live live live live

Ending

But God said